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PATENT APPLICATION

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Appl. No. : 10/071,143
Applicant : Volker Rheinberger et al
Filed : February 7, 2002
Group Art Unit : 1734
Examiner : Brenda A. Lamb
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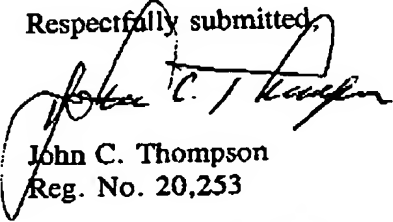
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 applicants hereby petitions for a two month extension of time to respond to the office action. A Credit Card Payment Form for \$450.00 to cover the fee for a two month extension of time by a large entity as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) is hereby enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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